

United Way of Lee County
October 2015

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24.7.365 **United Way** 

EVERY HOUR. EVERY DAY.

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Thank you for LIVING UNITED: 24.7.365.

2016 Campaign Update

The 2016 United Way of Lee County campaign is well underway, and we are excited to announce that we have reached 43% of our total campaign goal. Thank you to all the businesses, organizations, and community members who have already made an impact by giving to United Way.



We had a great Kick-Off on August 28th at the East Alabama Health Resource Center. Our theme for Kick-Off was "Life's not always fun and games...but then United Way is there to help." Terry Andrus, President and CEO of East Alabama Medical Center, was the speaker, and we started the campaign off strong with our pacesetter businesses and

organizations raising \$257,989 of our \$925,000 campaign goal for a total of 28%. Thank you to all the community members who attended the breakfast and made the Kick-Off a success.



Each week during campaign United Way holds Turn-In Breakfasts for volunteers to come hear about two of our agencies and find out where we are in the campaign. It is always a fun time playing games, enjoying great food, and hearing about how everyone's campaigns are going. We have seven Turn-In Breakfasts left, and we would love for anyone interested in learning more about United Way agencies and our campaign to join us. Breakfasts are at 8:00am at the United Way office (2133 Executive Park Drive, Opelika) on the following Thursdays:

- October 8th:** Boys & Girls Clubs & Domestic Violence Intervention Center
- October 15th:** Twin Cedars Child Advocacy Center, Court Appointed Special Advocates & Keeping Family Connections
- October 22nd:** Achievement Center & Lee County Literacy Coalition
- October 29th:** Greater Peace CDC
- November 5th:** Food Bank of East AL & Community Market
- November 12th:** Lee County Youth Development Center & Unity Wellness
- November 19th:** Auburn Day Care Center & Joyland CDC



Boo Boxes!

It's time for boo boxes! Support United Way by ordering a sweet treat this Halloween. United Way receives \$5 from every box sold!
Click [here](#) for an order form.



Pre-order your Gigi's Boo Box through United Way now until **October 21st** to help the 2016 Campaign!

Each mini dozen is **\$15** with a portion going to support United Way agencies & programs.

Cupcakes will be available October 29th & 30th.

THANK YOU for your support!
For more information, call 334-745-5540

Loaned Executives

This year we have a wonderful group of loaned executives helping with the United Way of Lee County campaign. Loaned executives are volunteers within the business community who work with the small business accounts throughout campaign. We are so appreciative of the time and dedication these volunteers have put in for the United Way and the Lee County community. The 2016 Campaign loaned executives are:

Shelley Baker: CharterBank
Allison Blankenship: Auburn Villager
Rick Cox: Jackson Heating & Air
Jay Hovey: First Realty
Lauren Kress: Associate on Loan, Publix
Jenifer Lovvorn: Berkshire Hathaway
Andrea Mitchell: City of Auburn
Anne Norrell: Keystone Bank
Eddie Orantes: BB&T
James Salter: Renasant Bank
Jason Smith: Southern States Bank
Steven Stone: BB&T

Auburn Business Chairperson:
Robyn Bridges: AO Tourism

Opelika Business Chairperson:
Jennifer Wheeler: Keystone Bank

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Agency Spotlight



Child Advocacy Center

Twin Cedars Child Advocacy Center works to facilitate and achieve healing and justice for sexually and physically abused children. The CAC provides services to children ages 2 to 18 years old in Lee and Macon Counties. They provide forensic interviews that allow a child to tell their story one time in a child-friendly and comfortable environment. CAC also provides free counseling for the children along with court support for the family throughout the court proceedings. The overall goal of the interviews and therapeutic support is to minimize trauma and the risk of future abuse in these children's lives.

Besides providing services to these children and families, the Child Advocacy Center strives to promote awareness of child abuse so all cases of sexual and physical child abuse in these counties can be reported, investigated, and treated. To spread awareness, CAC does speaking engagements and community education on child abuse as well as giving tours of the Child Advocacy Center. Last year, over 600 clients were provided with various services offered by this program, including almost 300 forensic interviews.

Due to confidentiality, the program is limited in accepting individual volunteers. However, if you are interested in supporting the center, there is a [donation wish list](#) on their website for needed items and supplies. Items include: individually wrapped snacks, juices, bottled water, puzzles, journals, copy paper, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, and tissues. These items may be dropped off at their donation location, which can be found on their [website](#), along with other information regarding the Child Advocacy Center. For more information or questions, contact Tina Evans at tevans@twincedars.org or call (334)705-0770.

